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The continued opposition of nine States' attorneys general to the Microsoft settlement is irrational. The notion that companies such as IBM, Oracle, Sun Microsystems, Intel, Computer Associates, Hewlett-Packard, Dell, Compaq, etc. cannot compete with Microsoft without further government protection is absurd. Microsoft makes great products that work well, and they are very affordable, especially for a small business such as my own. Frankly, I think the inflated egos of individuals such as the CEO's of Oracle and Sun Microsystems are part of the problem. Microsoft is one of the bright spots in our sick economy, exactly because it is innovative and competitive, which always benefits consumers.

Sincerely,
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